BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1989-230-E/G - ORDER NO. 2006-587

OCTOBER 5, 2006

IN RE:	Investigation of Property Transfers from South)	ORDER APPROVING
	Carolina Electric and Gas Company to)	MODIFICATION OF
	SCANA)	PRIOR ORDER
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) with regard to updated information on the proposed sale by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) of its Aiken Crew Quarters Site. On July 29, 2004, SCE&G requested approval of the transfer of its former Aiken Crew Quarters Facilities located on Kershaw Street in the City of Aiken. As plans were in place to transfer the property to the County of Aiken, the Company requested that the Commission waive the requirement to provide a thirty day public notice of the availability of the property for sale, pursuant to Commission Order No. 92-931. On October 21, 2004, the Commission approved the transfer from SCE&G to the County of Aiken without the legal notification.

The County has determined that it no longer needs the property; however, the City of Aiken does wish to purchase the real estate. The City intends to use this facility to support and enhance a proposed surrounding neighborhood development. The multi-use building will house a variety of activities and services, such as a crafts school operated by

Aiken Technical College. Therefore, the Company requests that Order No. 2004-522 be modified to allow the transfer to be made to the City of Aiken without the legal notification requirements. The request to modify this order to allow for the new purchaser is made to serve the public interest of the City of Aiken, according to SCE&G.

The most recent appraisal of the property, dated January 31, 2001, was conducted by Rosen Appraisal Associates of Columbia, South Carolina. The book value of the property is \$134,879.70. Under the proposed transfer agreement, the City of Aiken has agreed to pay a purchase price of \$190,000 and will cooperate with the Company in recognizing the remainder as a charitable donation for tax purposes.

We have examined this matter and believe that the Company's request to modify Order No. 2004-522 to allow the transfer of the Aiken Crew Quarters Site to the City of Aiken without the legal notification requirements should be granted. Clearly, the change in buyer is the only change in conditions of the sale in this matter. There is no need for modifications of any of the other conditions of Order No. 2004-522. We affirm our prior holding that the waiver of the legal notification requirements should be granted. The conditions of this sale are different from those contemplated as requiring notification in Order No. 92-931.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moeley, Vice-Chairman

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